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Re: New Water Supply Agreement -Framework Issues

Dear John:

At a regularly scheduled meeting on July 23,2002, Council reviewed the *Matrix Showing Disposition of List of 56 Items to Consider* dated May 30, 2002. The following comments are submitted for the Water Advisory Committee's consideration during the new water supply agreement process.

1. Line item no.2 under Conservation topic. In order to focus on the most effective BMPs, include a statement that BMPs that go beyond the Urban Water Conservation Council's BMPs need to be cost effective in order to be a program funded under the new agreement.
2. Line item no.3 under Conservation topic. Same comment as above that such new and innovative strategies need to be cost effective.
3. Line item no.20 under Recycled Water topic. While the City strongly supports recycled water projects for our city, it is unlikely that such a project would be cost-effective due to our volume of use versus the cost of such a system. In order for the City to be considered for a recycled water project, we support language in the new agreement that considers "demonstration" projects for recycled water that would be less stringent when considering cost effectiveness of the specific project. There may be other, less tangible, benefits that building such projects would show that would make the project acceptable to the W AC.
4. Line item no.31 under General Plan relationships topic is unclear as written.
5. Line item no.34 under Groundwater topic. The City has stated in previous comments that it does not support being "penalized" for having a local supply that is not a long-term reliable source.

Both Dale Shaddox and I will be participating in the Interest-Based Negotiation training to be held in August. If you have any questions regarding these comments, feel free to contact me at 523-1010.

Sincerely,

Toni Bertolero
City Engineer

C: Dale Shaddox, City Manager
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa Utilities (WAC Chairperson)